

greater than fifty dollars fine or thirty days' imprisonment; but in all cases when a defendant shall fail to pay or secure to the satisfaction of the mayor, the fine and costs imposed for any offense, it shall be competent for the mayor to adjudge also that the said defendant work, until the fine and costs are paid, on the public streets or other public works of the town, and that he be kept in close custody during the time he is so working out said fine and costs. *Provided further*, That in all cases any defendant dissatisfied with the judgment of the mayor may appeal to the superior court of Rockingham county upon bond or recognizance as required with security for his appearance at the next term thereof.

Proviso.

Special court

SEC. 4. That the mayor shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all such cases as come within his jurisdiction by the provisions of this act without requiring a complaint or oath in writing from the party injured; but may exercise said jurisdiction on the complaint of any other person, or when the offense committed is within his own knowledge; and for all the purposes of this act the mayor of said town is hereby constituted a special court.

SEC. 5. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 5th day of March, A. D. 1877.

CHAPTER CLXXXII.

AN ACT TO ENFORCE THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID TAXES IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It appears that, by reason of an injunction from the courts restraining the collection of a part of the county tax of New Hanover county for the year one thou-